GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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LENGTH OF INLAND WATERWAYS
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the existing length of the inland waterways to reduce pressure on other means of transport;

(b) if so, whether any plan has been formulated in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b)&(c) Three waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 kms), the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 kms) and the West Coast Canal alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals (205 kms) have been declared as National Waterways and are being developed for shipping and navigation. Techno Economic Feasibility Studies have been conducted on several other waterways namely river Barak, DVC Canal, Sunderbans waterways, Kakinada-Mercaunum Canal integrated with Godavari and Krishna rivers, East Coast Canal integrated with Brahmani river system and extension of National Waterway No. 3 towards North and South. These waterways have been found viable for development of inland water transport infrastructure. Their declaration as National Waterways and subsequent development will however depend on availability of resources.